

TULARE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

Minutes
May 24, 2005

Present:	Sgt. Cheri Lehner	TCSO
	Pat Foster	Tulare County Superior Court
	Comm. Norma Castellanos-Perez	Tulare County Superior Court
	Diane Thuc-Vasquez	Central Calif. Legal Services
	Elda Allen	Probation
	Susan Atwater	TCSO
	Gayle Cain	Victim Witness
	Lana French	Central Calif. Legal Services
	Janie Munoz-Tafoya	Central Calif. Legal Services
	Det. Esmeralda Ramos	TCSO
	Det. Mark E. Lightfoot	TCSO
	Linda Compo-Blazich	Family Services
	Joan Cuadra	Proteus

Joan Cuadra, Proteus, was the facilitator for the meeting. Linda Compo-Blazich, Family Services served as secretary.

Meeting came to order at 4:15 p.m. The minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Susan Atwater, new Investigator Aide for TCSO DV grant introduced herself and gave brief job description.

Sub Committee reports-

Web page (Commissioner Castellanos-Perez)- Web page not up as of yet.

Information Cards (Lana French and Linda Compo-Blazich)-an update was given on the cards. It was explained that the cards were being reviewed and several numbers were being taken off since they were not specific to DV. Commissioner Perez requested that Child Support's number be added. A final product will be available for review at the next meeting.

New Business

Commissioner Perez gave an update on the new way Calendaring will be done through the Court system. This will be effective July 1. There will no longer be a Master Calendar. The same Judge will preside over a case. All misdemeanors will be heard in Tulare. There will be 3 Judges that will go under Civil, Probate and Family Law.

It was brought up about the current meeting schedule. The question was do we continue to meet bi-monthly or change to quarterly. After lots of discussion the following was suggestions for a committee to decide upon.

- Meetings possibly changing to quarterly. Being held in January, April, July and October.
- One of the meetings should be held in South County.
- A new meeting location possibly CASA Board room.
- An adoption of a meeting structure and agenda
- Proposal of committees, a Chair and recruitment of members.

There was a motion by Commissioner Perez and 2nd by Pat Foster to form a sub committee with the specific task of restructuring how and when the Task Force will meet.

The committee: Commissioner Perez, Gayle Cain, Lana French and Linda Compo-Blazich.

Commissioner Perez asked if anyone remembered the various committees that had been formed when the strategic planning took place in 2002. The task force came up with the following:

- Community Service-Joan Cuadra and Diane Thue-Vasquez were part of this committee.
- Procedures and Protocols
- Website-Norma in charge of this committee.
- Case Review
- Training

Janie Munoz-Tafoya from Central Calif. Legal Services brought a concern and problem she has noticed regarding TRO's. CCLS has had several Law Enforcement agencies requiring several of their clients having TRO's to file their orders with each LE agency. The normal procedure is for the County Clerk's office to send the orders to TCSO records to be entered into the CLET's system. If a violation occurs it is the LE agencies responsibility to check on the CLET's system. After a lot of discussion it appeared that each LE agency may have their own protocol in handling TRO's and are requiring victims to adhere to them. Linda Compo-Blazich and Lana French agreed to form a committee of the various advocates and bring a report back to the group at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. Next meeting: To be held at Marie Callendar's July 26, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Compo-Blazich
Secretary Pro-Tem